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Dr. Lynda C. Andre, Superintendent



September 22, 2017

Mr. Jeff Bezos  
Chief Executive Officer, Amazon  
2121 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Bezos:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the Edwardsville proposal to bring Amazon's HQ2 to our city.

The City of Edwardsville encourages strong attitudes toward educational and community values. The school district upholds these principles, making our city a better, more vigorous place to learn, work, and live.

In April 2017, the citizens of Edwardsville passed an education tax referendum approving a tax increase to fund updates for school technology, technology infrastructure and school security. These funds will be available to the school district in the 2018-2019 school year keeping District 7 one of the premier school districts in the state of Illinois.

Students in District 7 have consistently produced the highest scores on state assessments in the Madison-St. Clair County area over the last 10 years and have out-performed both the State of Illinois averages and National averages on the new PARCC assessments. This past year, 20% of the graduating class of 2017 earned a 30 or higher on the ACT.

The Edwardsville School District employs over 500 certified staff members. Additionally, more than 450 classified employees ensure that all schools are clean and safe for students and staff.

I fully support the efforts of the City of Edwardsville as they offer a very attractive incentive package to bring your company to our growing, energetic city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda C. Andre".

Dr. Lynda Andre, Superintendent

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